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Add WordPress Admin User with phpMyAdmin

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You can create a new WordPress admin user directly from the database. Use this method if you need to add a new user to the site without having to sign in to the WordPress dashboard.

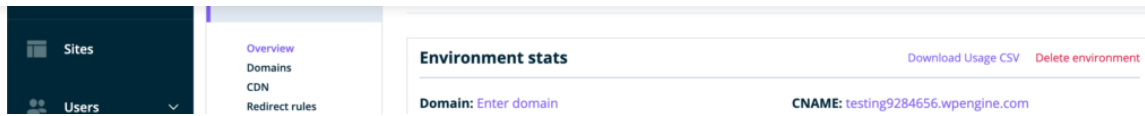
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Add WordPress Admin

- 1) Open the [User Portal](#)
- 2) Select the **Environment** name to edit
- 3) Click **phpMyAdmin** at the top



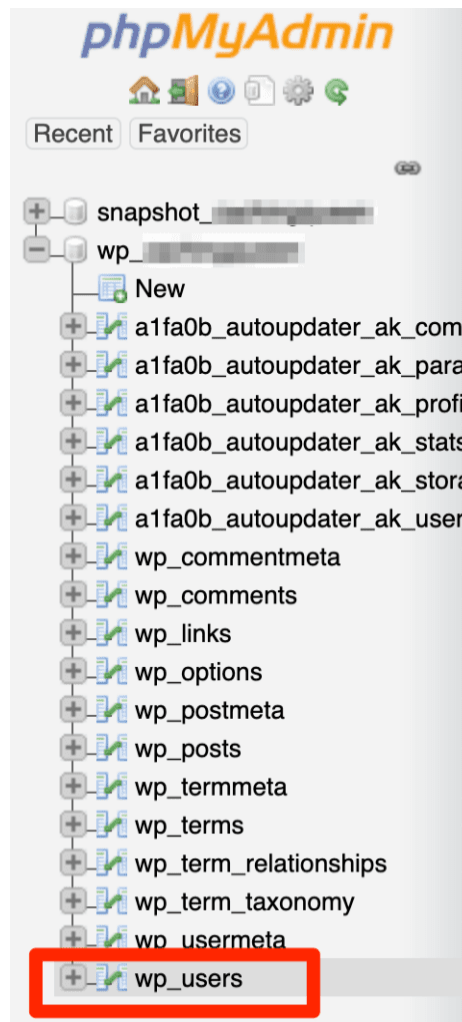


4) Select your database

wp_environment — Primary database for this environment

5) Select the **wp_users** table

If you have a custom **database prefix** this will instead be **yourprefix_users**. Be sure to take this into account in later steps as well.



6) Click **Insert** at the top

7) Fill out the required new user data

ID — Enter any available ID number. You'll need to know this ID number later!

user_login — The username for this user.

user_pass — The raw password the user will login with.

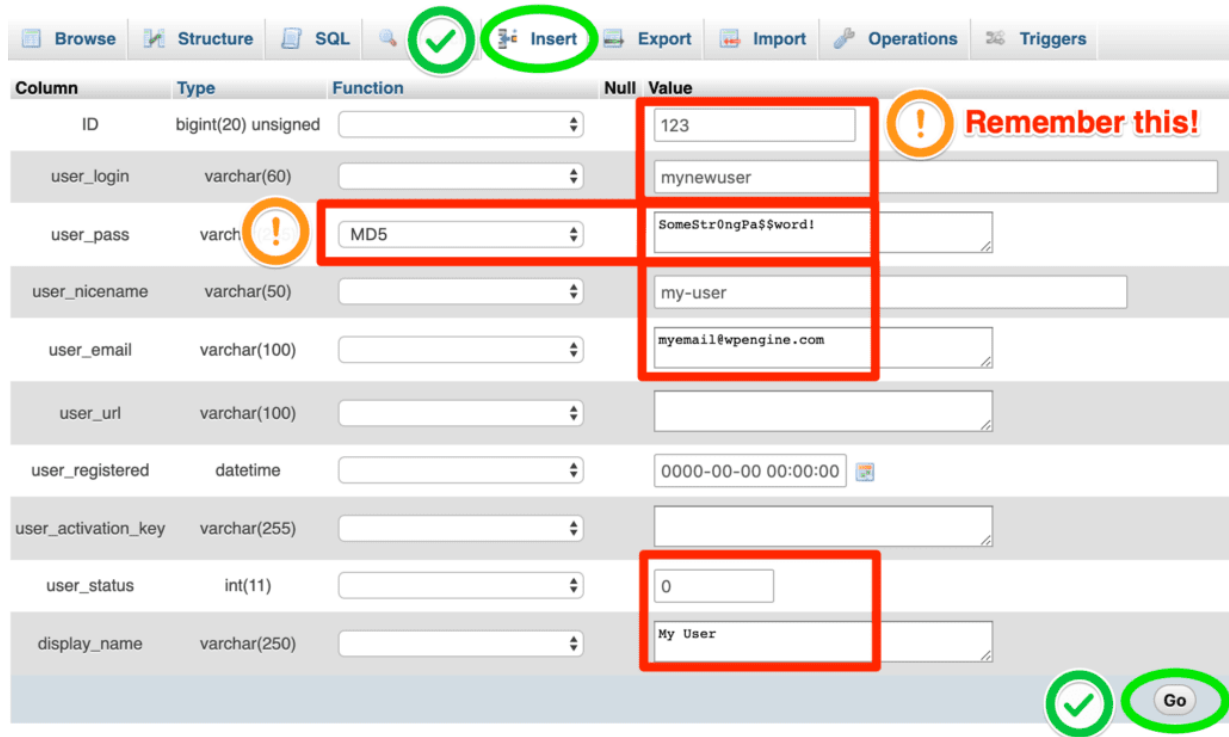


user_nicename — The author slug or name (EX: your-name).

user_email — The email address associated with this user.

user_status — Set this to 0

display_name — The display name for the user (EX: Your Name)



| Column | Type | Function | Null | Value |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------|------|-----------------------|
| ID | bigint(20) unsigned | | | 123 |
| user_login | varchar(60) | | | mynewuser |
| user_pass | varchar(255) | MD5 | | SomeStr0ngPa\$\$word! |
| user_nicename | varchar(50) | | | my-user |
| user_email | varchar(100) | | | myemail@wpengine.com |
| user_url | varchar(100) | | | |
| user_registered | datetime | | | 0000-00-00 00:00:00 |
| user_activation_key | varchar(255) | | | |
| user_status | int(11) | | | 0 |
| display_name | varchar(250) | | | My User |

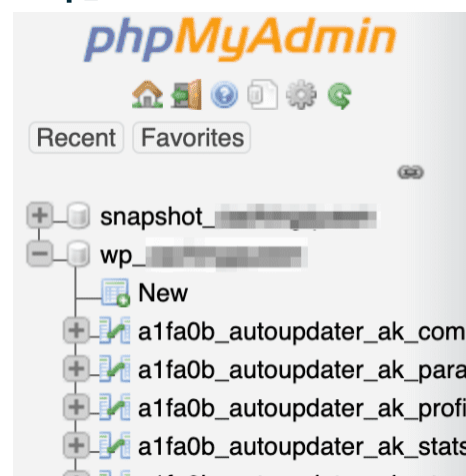
8) Click **Go** at the bottom

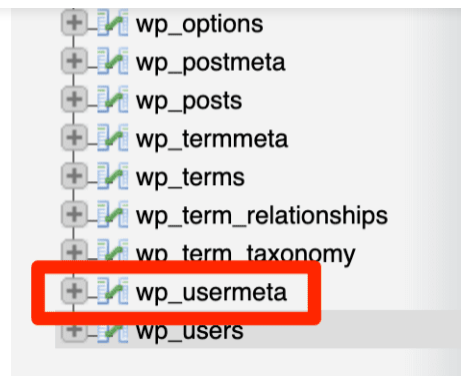
9) Click **Go** again on the query page

You should get a green check mark and success banner.

If you get a red error at the bottom the user has not been inserted. Follow the error message to correct the issue until you are successful.

10) On the left hand menu click **wp_usermeta**





11) Click **Insert** at the top

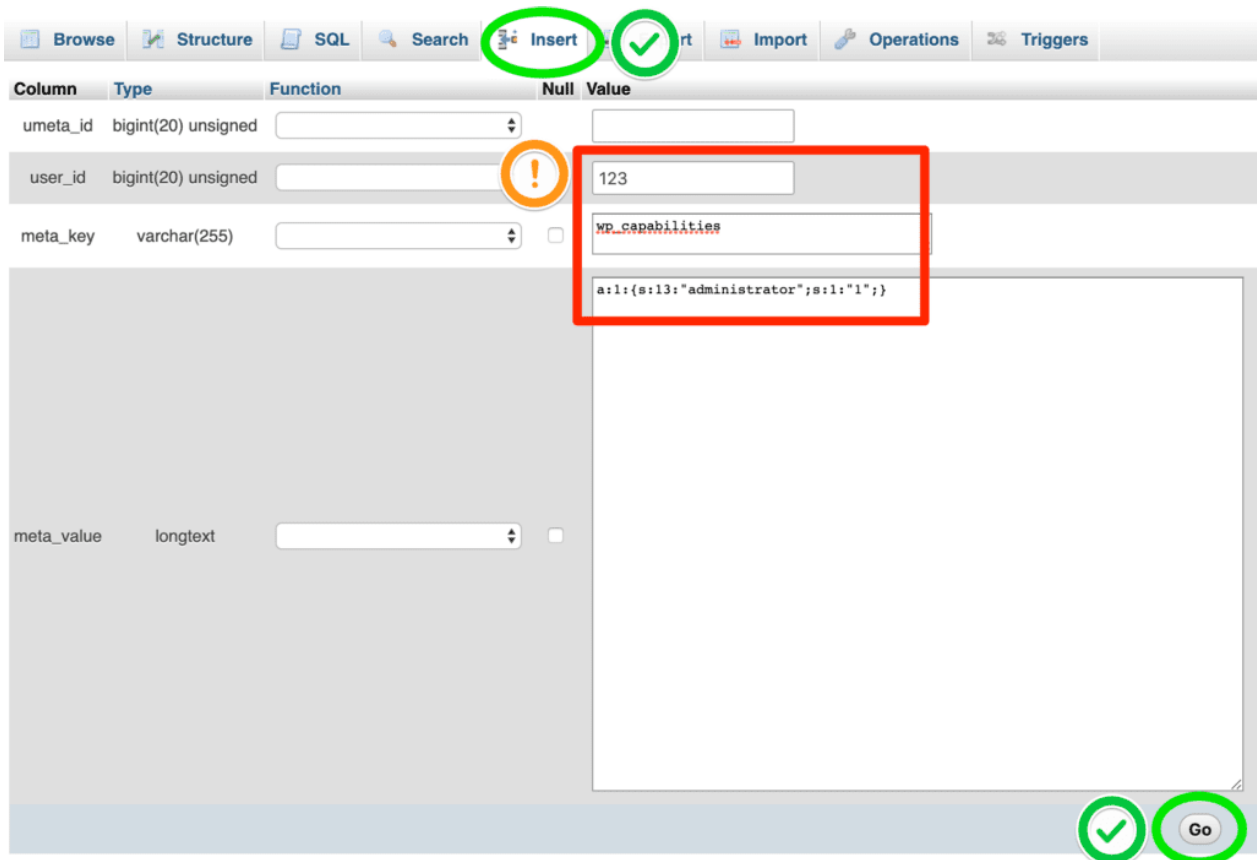
12) Fill out the following required fields for user capabilities:

user_id — Same ID from Step 8

meta_key — wp_capabilities

meta_value — a:1:{s:13:"administrator";b:1;}

13) Click **Go** at the bottom

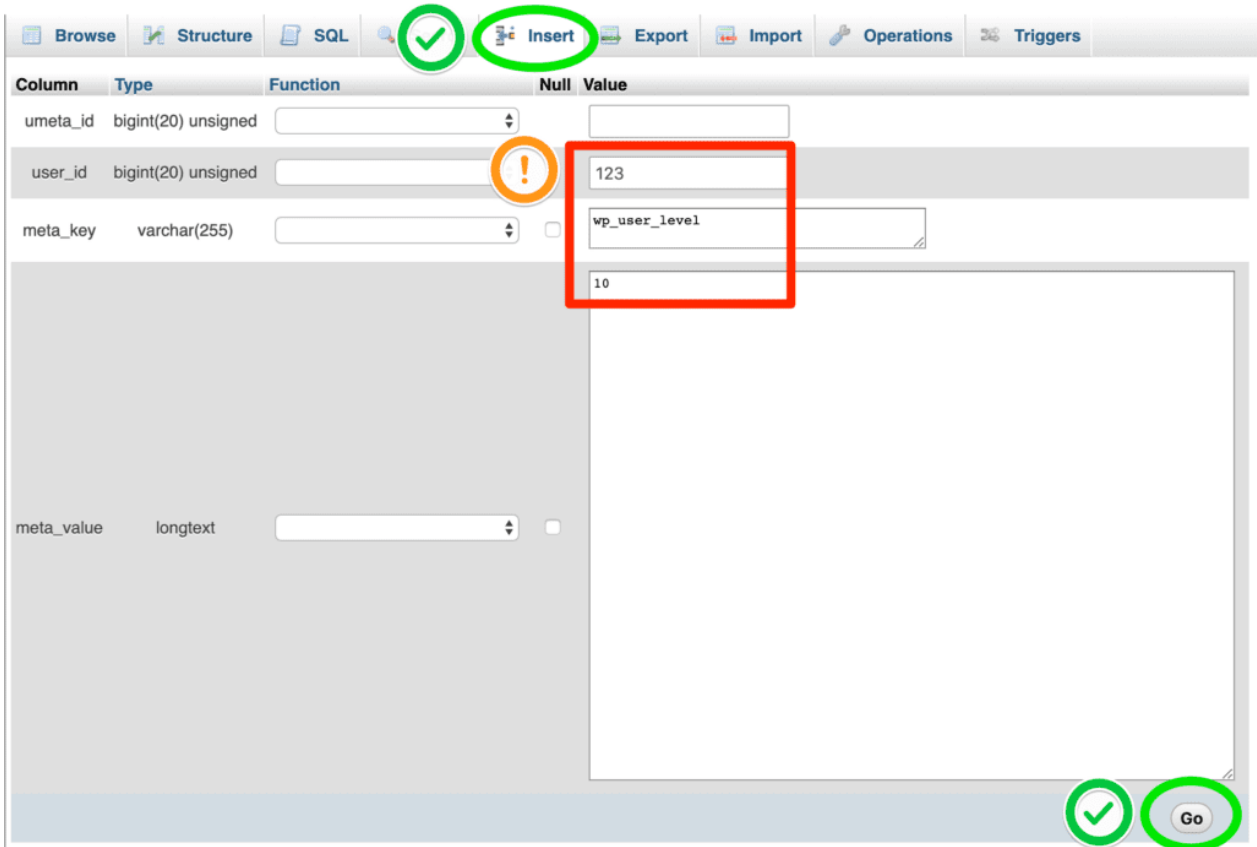


14) Click **Go** again on the query

You should get a green check mark and success banner.

If you get a red error at the bottom the user has not be inserted. Follow the message to correct the issue until you get a success.



meta_value – 1016) Click **Go** at the bottom

| Column | Type | Function | Null | Value |
|------------|---------------------|----------|------|---------------|
| umeta_id | bigint(20) unsigned | | | |
| user_id | bigint(20) unsigned | | | 123 |
| meta_key | varchar(255) | | | wp_user_level |
| meta_value | longtext | | | 10 |

You should now be able to access the site with your new admin user. If you have issues recheck that each step is done exactly as described.

If you have a custom database prefix, ensure you've done each step in the respective custom prefix table name.

Additional Notes

If your newly created user is unable to use the visual editor within WordPress after creation, ensure the visual editor is not disabled. This can be set in two ways:

From the admin dashboard:

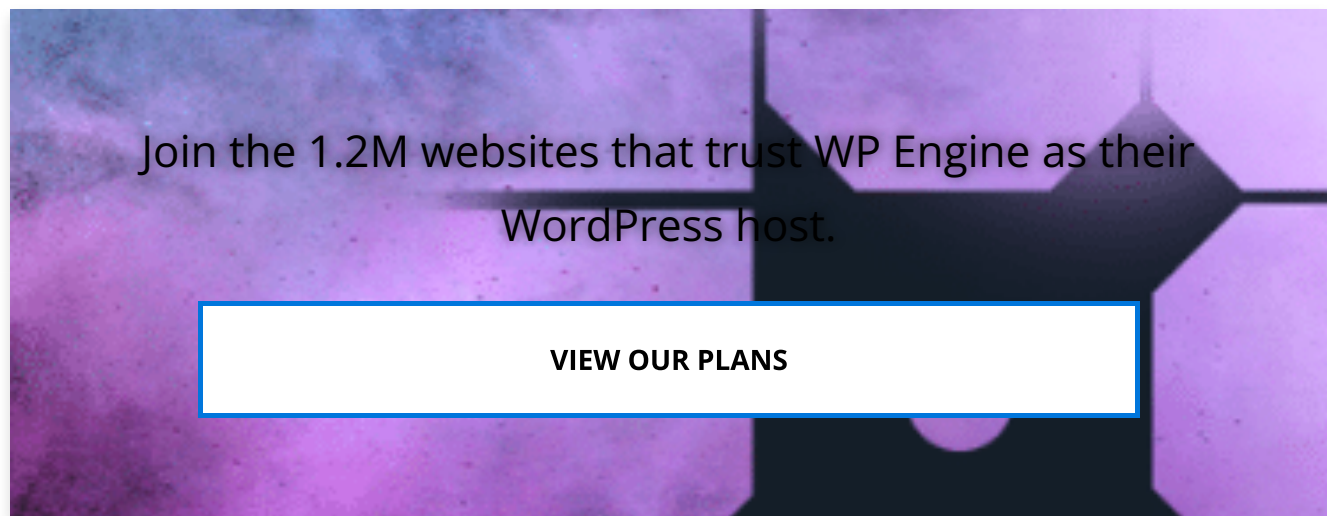


- 4) Ensure **Disable the visual editor** when writing is not checked

Or, from the database:

- 1) Open the *usermeta* database table
- 2) Click **Insert**
 - 1) **user_id** – Same ID from step 8 previously
 - 2) **rich_editing** – `true`
- 3) Click **Go**

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